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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT MEETING IN ALEXANDIRA

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1. IN UNEXPECTED MID-CONFERENCE REVELATIONS BY ARAB BOYCOTT OF
ISRAEL COMMISSIONER GENERAL MAHGOUB, PRESS HAS LEARNED IN LAST
FEW DAYS THAT MAHGOUB TOLD CONFERENCE BUSINESS CONCERNS IN SEVERAL

WESTERN COUNTRIES AND JAPAN HAVE BEEN INFORMING THE BOYCOTT OFFICE OF ALLEGED DEALINGS WITH ISRAEL BY AMERICAN FIRMS IN ORDER TO GET THEM BLACKLISTED AND OUT OF COMPETITION FOR SALES OR CONTRACTS. MAHGOUB WOULD NOT IDENTIFY FIRMS INVOLVED (INCLUDING BRITISH, FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN), BUT WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "THEY ARE NATURALLY INTERESTED IN GETTING AMERICANS BLACKLISTED IN ORDER TO INHERIT THE VAST MARKETS OF THE ARAB WORLD".

2. MAHGOUB WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING US ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION. HE EMPHASIZED AGAIN ARABS WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM REPLACING US SUPPLIERS AND THAT US "HAS EVERYTHING TO LOSE AND NOTHING TO GAIN" FROM SUCH LAWS. COMMENT: STORY THAT COMPETITORS ARE SQUEALING ON US COMPANIES TRADING WITH ISRAEL MAY WELL BE ONLY PART OF MAHGOUB PROPAGANDA EFFORT AGAINST ANTI-BOYCOTT FORCES.

3. ABOUT NINETY WESTERN FIRMS ARE SAID TO BE ASKING REMOVAL FROM BOYCOTT LIST, INCLUDING VOLKSWAGEN AND BARCLAY'S BANK. ONLY NAME NOW SAID TO HAVE GONE ONTO BLACKLIST IS MASONIC ORDER WHICH, MAHGOUB SAID, "HELD TWO CONFERENCES IN ISRAEL LAST YEAR." AT SAME TIME, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ESCAPED LISTING, SINCE "INVESTIGATIONS HAVE PROVED THAT THE CLUB CONDEMS ZIONISM AND UPHOLDS PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

4. HOW THESE DECISIONS WEAKEN THE ISRAELI WAR EFFORT AND STRENGTHENS THE ARAB CAUSE IS DIFFICULT TO SEE.
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